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### REMARKS

The present supplemental amendment is prepared and filed in response to the telephonic conversation with the Examiner on March 17, 2004. During the conversation, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-8, 10-11 are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner also noted that claim 2 reads over the new reference to Rezanka (U.S. Patent No.: 5,751,302) and took the position that it cannot be allowed. In order to put all claims of this application in allowable condition the present supplemental amendment has been prepared.

Claims 2-8, 10-15 are currently active in the application. By this amendment, new independent claim 15 has been added and claims 2-3, 12 and 13 have been amended accordingly. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.


Considering the reference to Rezanka, the Examiner specifically pointed out to the Figure 2, wherein Memory Element with Pulse Width Data 66 is shown. The Examiner stated that the ink jet recording device shown by claim 2 of the present invention also claims an identical memory for storing additional data indicating a waveform of the driving pulse. In order to overcome the newly cited reference to Rezanka a new independent claim 15 has been drawn. Claim 15 recites, "a converting unit that converts recording data into driving data that defines driving pulses of corresponding ones of the plurality of nozzles ;...wherein the converting unit converts the recording dat into the driving data based on the nozzle profile data, the driving data is a sequence of pulse data each corresponding to one of the plurality of nozzles and each including a plurality of data sets", which is not shown by the reference to Rezanka. Additionally, the independent Claims 2-3 and 12-13 have been rewritten in dependent form and now they depend from claim 15.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims as amended are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account

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